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337. JOHN STOCKWELL THE REAGAN REVOLUTION (1987)
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Former CIA official John R. Stockwell provides an analysis of the Reagan Revolution. He discusses the fundamental restructuring of the economy and foreign policy, and how Reagan accomplished this. Stockwell scrutinizes Reaganomics and shows how it has weakened the U.S. economically while carrying out an enormous transfer of wealth from the poor and middle classes to the rich. He also criticizes the Reagan record on civil liberties and the interventionist foreign policy. Finally, John proposes alternatives to Reaganism.

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on Hall who is the American rancher who has CIA connections in Costa Rica admits for the first time that he aided the rebels there according to this story the explosives that were used to bomb pastora were brought by north and see corn their connections to john halls ranch and that Hall got these explosives to the terrorists who attempted to assassinate pastora it was also alleged that it was John halls ranch in Costa Rica that was the drug connection site where the u.s. planes landed to bring weapons and materials to the Contras and then picked up drugs on hols ranch and flew him back to the US the cocaine cocaine marijuana heroin a whole variety of drugs well once these stories of broke Hall finally decided that he would admit yes he was an arms supplier for the country's yes he aided the rebels he had connections but he denied the drug connection so he wanted to admit the lesser charges the country connection in order to deny the larger charges that he provided explosives to try to assassinate pastora and was also involved in the drug connection Christian Science Monitor had a story in which they had a lengthy analysis of the CIA's largely unexamined role released by the Congress of gun-running operation now the inconclusive argument over the

applicability of the Boland amendment as far as north and CI and C chord were concerned would turn out to be irrelevant if the CIA itself was the center of the Contras arming operation the Christian Science Monitor also said

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the Christian Science Monitor also said that there is another guy in the CIA who is actually running things but for the CIA Central American force and he is responsible within the CIA and he's one up in the ladder from Oliver North disguise name is Allen fears or fires fi ers and the monitor quoted a guy has said anonymous the North American sources says that everyone imagines Ollie north is top dog of the counter effort what they don't realize is that the begin with this was basically a CIA show and secondly most of the time fears who is much slyer than North was able to manipulate ollie into what he wanted being the Duke have you ever heard that name before I I had seen that in one or two New York Times stories but he's not widely known as a major player in here I think one of the big points of this whole thing a lot of us tend to think well this all came in with the Reagan administration they're just a bunch of thugs they like to live above it they think they're above the law it said it but as some of these revelations show this has been going on for a long time there were people in the CIA and without during the Carter Administration working to dump Carter and trying to actually establishing our foreign policy and this has been going on for decades now speaking of CIA operations and political assassinations under the Reagan administration some 40 interesting stories have come out recently about events in Panama over the last seven years one of our viewers Denis Lawson of Austin sent us several different articles that make a very interesting juxtaposition starting with an article from June the or August the second 1981 that reports on how Panamanian strong man General Omar Torrijos had been killed in an airplane

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Torrijos had been killed in an airplane crash in Panama terios was the gentleman in panama that negotiated with Jimmy Carter the Panama Canal treaty that would give the Panama Canal back to Panama in the 1990s and trio was a big populist to his friends with Fidel Castro and who said in the article after his death that the two people he admired most were jimmy carter who had shown courage and negotiating this Panama Canal treaty with him and Fidel Castro who he thought was a brilliant political leader just the sort of people that the Reagan administration would not like well the plane of mr. Torrio crashed and the day after the crash there was a UPI story that has headlines to Rios's body returned rolled by CIA alleged so from the very beginning it was alleged that the CIA was responsible for the explosion of the plane that killed general Torrio's during the first year of the Reagan administration well just this week there have been are a series of demonstrations in Panama against the strong man General no rego who had took to took over after the death of trios and there's been demonstrations from all sectors of Panama's society against him in the last week or two one of the most explosive revelations comes from the retired military chief of staff Colonel Robert Diaz Herrera who says that he has first-hand information than indeed the CIA was involved in blowing up the airplane that killed general Torrio's and he he claims this is the claim of general dias of Panama that no rega conspired with general Wallace netting

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conspired with general Wallace netting who is then the head of the u.s. Southern Command in Panama and the CIA to blow up the aircraft that Troy else was using and that they gave him a an explosive that was put on the plane to blow it up which is one of those many little minor assassinations of the CIA has been involved over the year boys will be boys I knew now let's have our interview with john stockwell former hi CIA official who was in that agency for 13 years before quitting and writing his famous book in search of enemies tonight he evaluates the Reagan Revolution for us John welcome to alternative years once again for knowledge about 30th Times best television program in the nation thank you well we've watched the Reagan foreign policy now for the last seven years we've had you on many times to discuss those what is distinctive about Reagan's foreign policy where did he try to do different from his predecessors well he set out 30 years ago to

affect a major lasting change on the United States political system a radical change and he pursued it to get himself into the White House to effect this change and he's done it to a degree perhaps not to you know he has an ice the cake certainly not the way he hoped the ironic thing is deflected and his own corruption of the corruption around him but no other president in history I don't believe can make a case of setting out as a middle-aged man to affect a dramatic change on this society and come as close as this man has in what is the nature of this change well first you have to understand and accept which is hard for some but you read the man's

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hard for some but you read the man's biography the and we know him well he's been a public figure for four or five decades radio announcer and then politician activist and in Hollywood he has never been a conservative with a small see he has always been drawn to radical activities and propensity towards right-wing radical activities even when he was posing as a liberal protector of the people who were being blacklisted from the Screen Actors Guild and whatnot he was in fact cooperating as a friend with the house on American affairs committee with richard nixon's red-baiting vicious political campaign in California then you see other indications when he was governor the San Diego Navy assassination school which was teaching very heavy techniques of torture and killing he support under the CIA no this was US Navy a navy killer school in San Diego mine was a and this was in the late 60s Logan was governor acalypha bet and Reagan was was honoring them and mentioning them and going to call him you bet he loves the military for some reason he has an absolute fascination with military action and personnel and ships and weapons and power and control second thing you can cite was this California special training institute that we've mentioned before at San Luis Obispo in 1969 it began with operation what was it called cable splicer place with Luis jus Freda putting it together with generals from the Pentagon in the National Guard as well as corporate executives assembling for a seminar to discuss techniques of population control repression heavy duty stuff the disinformation the torture the planning informants the phony groups the concentration camps the concentration camps the

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